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#### **Easter Festival**

**Easter is Coming!** Please be on the look out for sign ups to **volunteer at our Easter Festival on Saturday, April 20th**. We'll need all kinds of help to decorate, host booths and games, etc. This is an exciting event with lots of community participation; we need our whole church to help put it on. We hope you'll be a part of the celebrations! Also,please help us prepare for Easter by **donating Easter goodies**: individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs, stickers and small toys, even spare change works. If you can stuff the eggs with goodies, that's even better! The more eggs we have, the longer the hunt lasts and the more excited our kids get.



**Hall Gallery** Please enjoy the black and white Americana photos.



## John's Gospel

Our series on people who met Jesus in the Gospel of John will continue in March. The characters we will be looking at include Lazarus, Mary, the Disciples, Thomas, and Peter. Join us on Sunday mornings to hear how the lives of those who met Jesus can grow faith in our life today.

# **Communion Sunday**

April 7th, we will be sharing Communion

# **Family Sunday**

Sunday, April 7, will be our monthly Family Sunday. Students from Faith assist in worship through singing, ushering, and reading. Families worship together and we conclude the service with communion.

#### **Pastor Search Update:**

During the month of March the Search Team has been using a network of RCA connections to advertise the lead pastor position at Faith Community Church and also posted the opening on the RCA website. To date there have been 5 inquiries, and one completed application. During the next month the team will be starting initial conversations with candidates and will continue to extend an invitation to apply to any interested parties.

#### **Town Hall**

Sunday, April 7, at 10:30 AM, the Congregation is invited to a Town Hall meeting called by the Consistory. At the last meeting held by the Search Team, some important questions were raised that the Consistory would like to engage with the Congregation.

We will share some details related to Pastor Phil's transition from Faith. Our regional body, known as the Classis, has some basic counsel for the departing pastor and church to make for healthy relationships going forward.

## **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, April 19,** we will host a special Holy Week observation of Good Friday. In a quiet, reflective setting, participants will be given the opportunity to reflect on their relationship with Jesus. We will celebrate communion during the service. We will meet in the Sanctuary at 6 PM.

### **Spring Cleaning**

Saturday, April 6, from 9 to noon, our church family is encouraged to come out for a Spring Cleaning event. Our goal is to have the campus in welcoming condition for our Easter Festival and Easter Sunday. The list of tasks include: Cleaning of the roof, sign in front, clean up of the flower beds, pressure washing, planting flowers and many other fun tasks. You my bring your favorite tools from home or use those provided. Volunteers are welcome to take on their favorite project. We will be joined by friends from Christ's Worship Center, the church group that meets in our facility at 11 AM. As a bonus, we will have lunch provided for all volunteers by folks from Faith and Christ's Worship Center.

#### **Easter Flowers**

If you would like to make a donation for spring flowers for Easter, you may contact the office or fill out a slip in a Sunday bulletin. Flowers will be displayed on Easter Sunday. Donors may take a flower home or they will be distributed to those unable to attend church. A \$15 donation is requested.



## **Coming Soon**

Sunday, May 5, we will host a Ministry Fair during the fellowship time. The congregation will have the opportunity to learn about various ministries and opportunities at Faith. If you don't have the opportunity to sign up on the 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be following up in an effort to give everyone the opportunity to indicate their interests.